

Thornley Will Seek Delay Of Trial on Perjury Charge

A man who says he knew Lee Harvey Oswald for only three months said in Atlanta his attorneys will seek continuance of a perjury trial he faces in New Orleans next week.

Kerry Thornley, 31, who moved to Atlanta from Tampa last October, is charged with perjury in denying to the Orleans Parish grand jury he had seen Oswald during the summer

Thornley said although he was living in New Orleans when Kennedy was assassinated, "I never saw Oswald while I lived there. My main crime is telling Jim Garrison to 'go to hell' when he tried to recruit me as a prosecution witness."

Thornley said he knew Oswald as a "quiet, somewhat emotionally disturbed person, who gave me the impression he was turned off by violence." He said their only connection was over a period of three months in 1959 when both were stationed at El Toro Marine Air Base in California.



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of 1963, several months before Oswald allegedly assassinated President John F. Kennedy in Dallas.

He said yesterday his American Civil Liberties Union attorney has filed pretrial motions to drop charges or, failing that, to continue the trial to a later date.

The charge stems from an investigation into the assassination by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.